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## Support

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Roger Skouson, would like to express my support for the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics expansion. My children have been attending the Gym for over a year, and I can see the need for the expansion.

Because of the high caliber of the teams that are training at the gym the additional space is required to maximize their training and their performance. The new space will be exclusively used for those teams, and not for additional recreational classes.

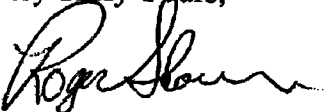
As previously stated, I have been coming to the gym for over a year now and have never had a parking problem. Either my wife or myself are here every evening of the week and on Saturdays, and have always found sufficient parking spaces. Most families attending the gym drop their children off and return when class is over to pick them up.

I have also noticed at least three other businesses in the immediate vicinity whose patrons regularly use the street for off premises parking, and for dropping their children off or picking them up for daycare.

We as parents, of children at Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics, have been asked to refrain from using the street for parking and dropping off children, as far as I can tell those wishes have been complied with.

Therefore I ask for your support for the expansion of the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics.

Very Truly Yours,



Roger Skouson  
505 Carlton Kay Pl  
Las Vegas, NV 89144

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Councilman Ross

**VIA FAX**  
382-4803**RE: Variance Application of Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics**

Dear Councilman Ross:

Please allow this correspondence to serve as my request for your support of the variance application that has been submitted on behalf of the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics. My daughter, Kaitlin, has been part of competitive gymnastics for the past five (5) plus years. During those five years her competitive spirit has grown tremendously. Unfortunately, for her to continue with her growth, and realize her dreams, it will be necessary for her to be a part of a state of the art facility. This is the facility that Vitaly Scherbo is attempting to build.

In order for Kaitlin to possibly obtain a gymnastics scholarship, or some of her team mates to even consider Olympic dreams, the Vitaly School of Gymnastics needs to expand its current gymnasium and include many state of the art apparatus. The plans would include a second story gymnasium to be utilized by the competitive team gymnasts. Contrary to what some of the neighbors have claimed, the Vitaly School of Gymnastics' plans are not designed to increase the number of students it can enroll in the gym. Rather, the plans are designed to provide the current students what they need so that they can achieve their dreams.

Allowing the Vitaly School of Gymnastics to expand can only benefit the community's reputation. Moreover, the expansion will allow the current gymnasts, many of whom live within only a few miles of the gym, to remain at their current location, rather than force them to transfer to other gyms (such as Browns in the southwest valley, or Desert Gymcats in Henderson) that are

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Councilman Ross

Re: *Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics*

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much further away from their homes. The proposed expansion will have no impact on the aesthetics of the community, as the gym is situated on a corner that currently houses a storage facility and a bank, and there is even a day care center across the street from the gym.

In the five plus years I have been driving my daughter to gymnastics I have never seen children running free in the streets or parking lots. I have never seen any of the gymnasts abuse any of the privileges they have of attending the Vitaly School of Gymnastics, nor have I observed any parents "speeding down Bronco" as have been alleged by only a few, but boisterous, residents. Since the expansion envisioned by the Vitaly School of Gymnastics is designed to benefit current students, the residents' concerns are not founded in fact, but in fiction.

In short, the proposed expansion will serve the community and the children of the community, not just the owners of the Vitaly School of Gymnastics. I would appreciate your support of the school's application when the time comes. If you have any questions concerning this request, please give me a call at my office (366-0622) or on my cell phone (249-4369). Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Philip Goodhart, Esq.

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Councilman Steve Ross  
City of Las Vegas

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Dear Sir,

I am a mother of 4 children, 2 of whom are students of Vitally Scherbo School of Gymnastics (VSSG). We moved in Las Vegas 2 years ago from a small town in Arkansas. It was a difficult move for my children. One of the things that help them go through it was the excitement, challenges and opportunities a bigger city such as Vegas had to offer. For my 14 year old ( she was 12 then ), it was the chance to train with Olympic gymnast Vitally Scherbo , and so she did. She had the most wonderful experience with the team. She was able to compete out of state and learned a lot of techniques with her coaches. Unfortunately, good training came too late for her that at 14 she is not in the level she hoped she could've been. She decided to quit this year. Her 7 year old sister though, has a chance to be the best she can in gymnastics. She is now pre-team in VSSG, with high hopes of being the best someday.

VSSG wants to do more than what they are doing right now. They want to expand. To have a state of the art facility so as to train their gymnasts to their fullest ability. These are gifted and motivated children. They are blessed with talents not everyone possesses. It is our duty to nurture these talents & VSSG aims to do that as well. Don't deny our children of this chance. Not everyone can see the importance of this expansion until you've seen how hard these kids work. A better, bigger facility will not only benefit our children today, but also future gymnasts of Las Vegas. Let us make our community proud , by having such an establishment in our area.

Thank you for your time .

  
Maria Belizario

September 18, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:


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I have two children who are involved in the pre-team and team program at the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics.

I feel that adding onto the Gymnastics facility would be beneficial for my girls and their complete learning and gymnastics' experience.

I am very supportive of having a strong children's program in Las Vegas because I feel that good programs like this are very limited.

Please accept our application and have pride knowing that a great family program is close to home.



Rebecca Plutte

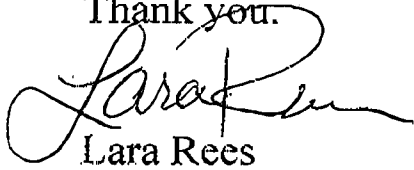
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am for the expansion of the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics for the benefit of our children. It would be great to open the possibilities for our existing teams with more space and more up to date equipment.

Thank you.

  
Lara Rees

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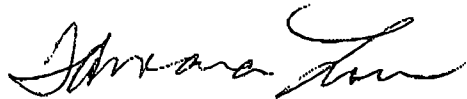
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After a year of one hour instruction per week, my son has advanced to the pre-team level. I feel that the gym expansion will increase my son's development as well as other children allowing them all future opportunities.

Thank you



Tammy Lowes  
524-0020

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September 18, 2006

Dear City Council Members:

Please approve Vitaly Scherbo's application to expand their existing gym for the girls' team. Currently, I have two daughters attending Vitaly Scherbo's, one on preteam and another on her way up. This facility is on incredible resource for the young aspiring gymnasts in this town.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Carrie + David Delatorre

Carrie and <sup>Dave</sup>~~Paul~~ Delatorre

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September 18, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I currently have three children attending the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics. I cannot begin to tell you about all the positive aspects this establishment has had on my children. An expansion of this facility would allow the many children involved in this sport to train in more optimum, state of the art, less crowded environment. Please accept this letter in support of this gym.

Thank you.

*Annalyse Prime*

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a parent of two young girls that attend the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics. I completely support the expansion of Vitaly Scherbo and the possibility to enhance what this gym has to offer. Gymnastics is a fun sport and for those who enjoy it devote many hours to the gym which helps keep our children busy and out of trouble. Who knows, one day we may have another Olympic Star on our hands from Las Vegas!

Sincerely,

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Heidi Kanellis

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a parent of two children and a resident of Las Vegas, I would like to express my enthusiasm toward the possibility of a state of the art facility for gymnastics in Las Vegas.

I moved to Las Vegas from Boston and was amazed at the lack of Performing Arts and Sports opportunities for children, something I always took for granted.

Las Vegas has a long way to go to establish itself as a well versed city. I feel in expanding Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics, this will provide a quality sport for children that our city will be proud of!

Sincerely,

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Karin Bond

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Dear Councilman Ross,

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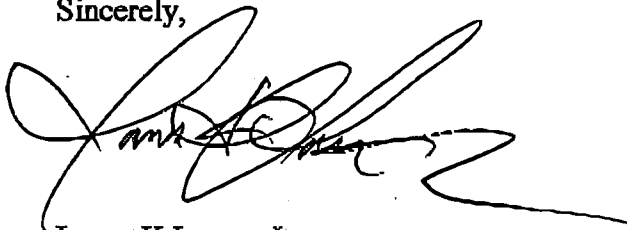
I am writing in support of the zone variance application for the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics at 3250 N. Bronco St. Las Vegas NV, 89108.

I am in favor of the expansion. As a citizen of the Las Vegas community I feel that the school provides a valuable community service for families and children. The school of gymnastics provides a positive environment for the youth of Las Vegas to learn and practice positive life skills.

The positive influences of competitive sport on our youth go beyond the walls of the gymnastics school. The children carry their life lessons from the gym into their schools and our community. The community is benefiting by having a generation of youth that set high goals and achievements for themselves and their community. The gymnastics school expansion will add to the positive environment for learning, and a sense of pride in accomplishments and community.

I am asking you for your support in the granting of the zone variance for the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James K Larson Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

James K Larson Jr

FAX TO (702) 382-4803

Councilman Ross

Re: Application from Vitally Sherbo School of Gymnastics

I am writing in support of the application from Vitaly Sherbo for the expansion of the gymnastics facility at 3250 N. Bronco St. The proposed use of the addition will not create additional burdens on the neighboring properties with respect to traffic, parking, noise or any other nuisance factor. It appears that objections are being raised by neighbors based on general ill will. Any decision not to allow this application can only be viewed as being based on political motivations rather than on the general well being of the community at large.

Don Martin  
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RE: Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics Variance Support Letter

Councilman Ross:

I am writing you in regards to an issue that is very important to me. I would like the city to vote favorably on the issue of the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics variance. First and foremost, it is a school, much like a dance or karate school where the parents drop the children off for class and then return to pick them up later. Over seventy-five percent of the parents do not park and watch. I bring my daughter five nights a week for as much as four hours per session and I park/watch. I am one of the few and have never seen the parking lot filled with cars having to park on the street. Many of the parked cars people see are from the veterinarian clinic or the staff at the Day Care Center on the corner. I often wait for my daughter by walking the neighborhood, talking to the horses, playing basketball at the Rainbow/Gowan Park, or frequenting the stores nearby. In over five years, I have watched the changes in the neighborhood for longer than some of the nearby residents have lived there.

I know there seems to be some issue about traffic congestion and vehicles speeding through up Bronco and it being blamed on the school parents. That could not be further from the truth. The speeders are external drivers, in no way related to the school, coming South from Jones/ Gowan and trying to beat the traffic. Bronco is one of the few streets that does not have a stop sign for its length and the locals know it. The local knowledge also allows drivers to cut through the Wells Fargo bank driveway and exit through the Vitaly Scherbo School parking lot, once again trying to beat the Cheyenne/Jones stoplight. The vast majority of the cars seen leaving the school premises are those illegal drivers.

I would like to now discuss the reasons it is important to allow the expansion and not worry about parking space count. I am not sure of the regulations on parking space requirements at schools but it can't be very many. I will use two analogies to illustrate my point. (Football) The school is catering to both the Varsity and Junior Varsity (or lower). The added room is to spread the players out onto two separate fields so each may have room to practice. It is not going to add more players onto both fields but keep the Varsity from running over the little JVers. (Horses) As some of the concerned homeowners probably have livestock I suggest that Mr. Scherbo is trying to have two corrals where he can teach Barrel Racing separated from Dressage. He also wants to provide stalls for the horses he has, not add more horses. Right now all the horses are

stuffed into one corral and the learning at the school is suffering. He just wants to spread his existing students out. This change should actually ease traffic as the times could change for the students to facilitate smoother drop offs.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter. Please provide copies to your fellow councilmen / councilwomen as I would like to make my feelings know to all. I hope to have an opportunity to speak in front of the City Council at your convenience. Feel free to contact me at 702-596-6641.

Sincerely,



Barry Ferich  
8487 Turtle Creek Circle  
Las Vegas

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Dear Councilman Ross,

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I am a Competitive Team Member of Vitally Sherbo School of Gymnastics. My gymnastics center is trying to get approval to add on to our gymnastics center. The part that we are trying to build will be for TEAM members ONLY.

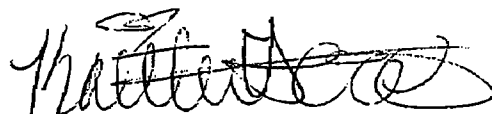
Since the owner of my gym Vitally Sherbo, and our AMAZING coaching staff, wants to help us with our Olympic Dreams, they think and the rest of our gymnastics center, that we would be better off achieving those Dreams by having our own Private Facility right next door. This way there will be NO distraction of recreational classes.

We would be VERY honored if YOU helped us with our Dreams too! But, the only way you and the rest of the City Council can do that is by approving our request!

Achieving my DREAMS,  
Kaitlin Goodhart

(Gymnast of Vitally Sherbo school of Gymnastics  
level 6 age 12)

Previous Garehime Heights City Council Mayor Pro-tem





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The children of the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics have numerous dreams and aspirations. Some of these children dream of being the next Olympian from Las Vegas, others dream of attending college, and some dream of a life filled with success because of the commitment learned at the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics. The children's opportunity to be involved with the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics influences the community in a positive way. These children are the leaders of the future.

I am asking you for your support in the granting of the zone variance for the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics.

On behalf of me, my family and the Vitaly Scherbo school of gymnastics competitive team I thank you for your support, time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Kathy Martin-Goodhart RN, MSN, CNS  
Las Vegas Resident

J. Gregory and Camille W. Damm  
1708 River Birch Street, LV, NV 89117

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Dear Councilman Wolfson:

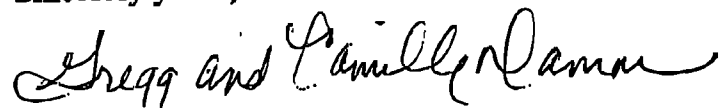
Re: Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics request for variance  
Hearing September 20, 2006

We are writing in support of Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics' request for a variance in order to build a work-out area for the girls' team. We have a daughter on the team who has trained at the gym since it opened. We attend this gym because we have been impressed with the world class talent and skill of the coaching staff that Mr. Scherbo has been able to provide.

Our daughter has been blessed with an aptitude for gymnastics, which coupled with excellent training, has enabled her to excel in competition. However, we also have a daughter who does not compete, but has enjoyed the recreational gym programs. She also has grown tremendously under the skilled training at the gym. The bottom line is the gym is good for kids and the expertise that Mr. Scherbo brings to our community is noteworthy. This is exactly the type program we should encourage and foster.

The gym is currently over-crowded. We are aware of some opposition to the relatively limited proposed expansion on the existing property. However, we are confident that legitimate concerns can be accommodated without defeating the bid to meet the needs of the gym. We hope that the commissioners will remain mindful of what takes place inside this gym, that is development of the physical and character strength of children. Given the unique benefits the school brings to our children and our community, the issues before the commission should be resolved in a manner to allow for the addition to this gym.

Sincerely yours,



J. Gregory and Camille W. Damm

cc: Councilman Steven D. Ross

# facsimile transmittal

To: Councilman Ross Fax: 702-382-4803

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From: Beverly Meteyer Date: 9/19/2006

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Re: Zoning Variance Pages: 1

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**Notes:** Please support a zone variance Wednesday, September 20, 2006 to expand the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics.

The gymnasts have big dreams and need your support. Some of them have enough talent to make it to the Olympics. Those that don't recognize the positive impact of participating in gymnastics. Studies have shown that students who are active in organized sports perform better academically, stay off drugs, and are not as prone to the health issues that sedentary students face. They are also more focused and efficient with their time. With childhood obesity and associated diseases such as type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol, and even atherosclerosis skyrocketing in children, we need more opportunities for our children to be active. Please help them do this by voting in favor of this zoning variance.

The school is on a public street (Bronco) and has been there prior to many of the residents moving in. It is in need of expanding to accommodate more students and update the facilities. The kids are coached by Valentina and Sonich who are awesome, caring coaches.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support on this variance.

Sincerely,

Beverly Meteyer

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## Support

Dear Mayor Goodman and Las Vegas City Council:

I am the mother of two competitive team boys who have attended the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics for the past six years. I chose this particular facility because of Vitaly Scherbo, a six time gold medalist, in the sport of gymnastics. My oldest son has represented the State of Nevada for the past five years at the Regional Championships. I urge you to approve Mr. Scherbo's request to expand his facility which will only benefit the team. This structure will be used for training the competitive team members to further their careers. Some of these children spend more than 18 hours a week in the gym and they deserve a first rate workout area with top of the line equipment. That is what Mr. Scherbo proposes to do. His goal is to help all children who want to achieve a college scholarship reach their potential. He also wants to teach gymnastics in a happy and healthy environment and to further the careers of those who want to achieve it.

I have asked my fellow team parents, who wish to stay the two or three hours to watch their children, park in our back lot, most of who did not realize that it was our parking area. This will allow the recreational parents easier access to the facility. The staff has also been instructed to park in the back lot. We have also put up signs for all of our parents to please not park on the street. Our parents are more than happy to comply with anything we ask for the sake of their children.

As for the comments made by Mr. Leatham in a letter dated August 8, 2006, I find his statements to be unfounded. This street is not solely congested due to VSSG, but mainly to La Petite Academy pre-school on the corner of Bronco. None of their clients utilize the parking lot. They line both sides of the street during the busy hours of 4-6 p.m. Yes, this is a hazard for they load their children into the cars from the street and not the sidewalk. This, however, has nothing to do with our facility. As can be seen by the pictures presented by Mr. Leatham, most of which show an empty parking lot, this facility has more than enough parking. His pictures also show that a vehicle is able to go down the road even when cars are on both sides of the street.

Our facility's outside shrubbery is maintained and the area is very eye appealing. It does not disturb the appearance of the neighborhood in any way.

The traffic going up and down Bronco is primarily residents of that area. Every day many speed down the street and cut across our parking lot to exit to Jones, so that they do not have to wait at the light. On several occasions, some of our gymnasts were almost hit when walking to

their cars at night. If anything, we would greatly appreciate your attention to having local traffic not use the parking lot as a through way.

This facility is being built to further the careers of our children who are working so hard to achieve their dreams. For this, I ask that you please approve the proposed items.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Felicia M. Boudreau". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Felicia M. Boudreau

Colonel Patrick E. and Diana R. Duffy

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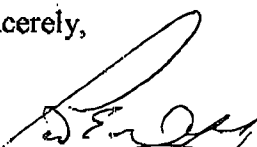
Honorable Mayor Goodman and Las Vegas City Council:

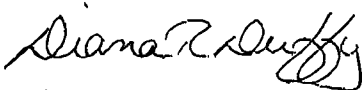
We recently moved to Las Vegas and have a son who is a USA Junior Olympic level 10 gymnast. We are in the military and have lived all over the United States. We have seen and been a part of many gyms both large and small in metropolitan cities such as Washington, D.C. and small towns such as Niceville, FL. Some of the most critical factors in finding a suitable gymnastic school are of course good coaches and quality equipment and facilities. The most important aspect of these factors is how they contribute to the child's development in a safe and positive manner.

The proposed second floor addition at Vitaly Scherbo's School of Gymnastics is not intended to increase the number of students in the program, but rather to carefully enrich the existing program for the current team members so that they can train more safely and effectively. These young people are training for competitions at the Local, State, Regional, National, and even International levels.

This summer, we came from a small gym in southern California that was set up in a similar manner to the one being requested by VSSG. Some team members were able to stretch and condition upstairs while others utilized the equipment downstairs. It did not increase the number of students at the gym, but instead made for a safer, more efficient training schedule. Please consider the Vitaly School of Gymnastics request favorably for the future of the athletes representing Las Vegas and the State of Nevada.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick E. Duffy, Colonel, USAF

  
Diana R. Duffy

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City Zoning Commission  
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To Whom It May Concern:

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My name is Graceann Ebia. I'm a Mother of four daughters. Anna Ebia is the daughter that attends Vitally Scherbo School of Gymnastics'. Anna is on scholarship there. It is Vitally's generosity that allows her to attend his school. Anna has escalated greatly in part do to her scholarship. If she were able to stay at his school it would probable mean a college scholarship as well. An expansion is so needed for the children that have been there for years and need to move on with their skills. Additional equipment is needed, there for larger space is so important to strive to the elite level. There are a number of talented gymnasts who are working very hard to accomplish there goals. Please help them achieve this. This is a great improvement for our community. Your consideration in these matters is so much appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration on these matters.

Sincerely



Graceann Ebia

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City Zoning Commission  
Las Vegas, NV

Re: Vitally Scherbo School of Gymnastics' improvement project.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing the commission to request that you give consideration to the improvement project that Mr. Scherbo has proposed. The improvement in size will be of great benefit to the team gymnasts who attend at his facility. The additional space is greatly needed in order for our children to be able to have the proper space and additional equipment that is of the utmost importance in order for our gymnasts to be able to achieve their goals. Most of the gymnasts who attend this fine gymnasium are working extremely hard towards becoming elite gymnasts and be able to compete for college scholarships. Lets help make their dreams come true and show them that anything in life that is worth fighting for takes perseverance.

Sincerely,

Nancy Dancel

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September 1, 2006

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To whom it may concern:

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Thank you for your time and attention. I am writing today to request that Vitaly Sherbo School of Gymnastic be allowed its second-story addition. I hope to address your concerns voiced at the last hearing on this topic.

Concern 1:

Parents are speeding down the street and parking on the street.

To enter our lot, one must slow down to make two quick turns. The speeders are those people entering our lot to get to Wells Fargo. Many are heading South on the street FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD that is protesting this addition.

Those people parked on the street frequently are picking up kids from the day care on the corner. Mr. Sherbo recently posted signs and personally asked parents to move their vehicles when parked curbside.

Concern 2:

Expanding the gym causes a need for parking because of increased student enrollment.

That's not how this sport works. The addition to the physical gym WILL NOT significantly increase student enrollment. Families come to gyms because of the reputation of the instructors, not the facility. This sport is expensive, grueling, and time-consuming. Few people will join because of a bigger building THAT IS NOT VISIBLE FROM THE MAIN STREETS.

Mr. Sherbo is increasing the size of the gym to improve his ability to train his students, not his profit margin. My 4 children who train there will benefit from the addition because they will be allowed more space in which to train, a better student-teacher ratio with the division of EXISTING classes, and the ability to train simultaneously. Our tuition will go up to pay for the addition. It will not be lowered because of new students. Money spent on my kids is well worth it for me and our community.

Concern 3:

If it's not for money, why expand?

Mr. Sherbo can host meets if he has a larger gym. Meets aren't money-making ventures. Hopefully, the hosting gym breaks even, but the point is to offer the hosting parents an opportunity to earn money to subsidize their children's tuition and to get the gym's name out in the national arena. They run on the weekends when tourism in Las Vegas is slow and hotels like the Texas, Fiesta, and Santa Fe can benefit from the business.

Neighborhoods win when meets are hosted because of the increase in family-oriented tourism. Our local kids win because college coaches attend and recruit for the all-too-

elusive college scholarship. Furthermore, both the daycare and the recreational classes are closed during meets, so parking is not an issue.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christi Thomas-McEachern". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christi Thomas-McEachern

September 19, 2006

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Dear Las Vegas City Council Members:

I am the mother of Carter Patterson, an 8 year old male gymnast at the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics. My husband and I are very pleased with the instruction our son receives here.

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An ongoing observation I have made, however, is that the gymnastics floor becomes quite crowded at certain times of the day and week. Male and female gymnasts currently must share the same workout space. Thus, inevitably, there are times when there's simply not enough physical space for all the gymnasts to do what they need to do.

When I heard about the proposed expansion, I thought it was wonderful. The intent of the additional space to be built over the existing parking area seemed to be a perfect solution for these issues. The intent behind the expansion is to separate the female gymnasts from the male gymnasts, giving both more room to complete their workouts. The female gym was to be the new area over the existing parking area. The male gym would remain the same.

I was surprised to hear that Mr. Scherbo's request to allow the expansion was up for denial. My understanding is that the denial is based on there being "too few parking spaces to support the use". My understanding is the expansion is intended to better serve the gymnasts who attend now, not to increase greatly the number who attends in the future. Therefore, the parking available now is perfectly adequate. No additional parking is needed. The parking lot may be busy as one practice ends and another begins, but I've always been able to park my car in the lot.

I might add that this school, like other schools, has a fairly static number of "students". This is not a 24 Hour Fitness where there are thousands of members and you never know how many people are going to show at a given time. The same groups of children come and go on the

schedules given them by their coaches. They show up when expected because they are responsible athletes, dedicated to their sport. They are not the wild hooligans described by homeowners who live in the area.

I would ask the Council to approve the items requested by Vitaly Scherbo to allow the growth of these child athletes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shari Patterson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Shari Patterson

# BETHESDA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Rev. Hal Adams, Pastor

Principal, Ronica L. Hahn, B.Th.

## Support

September 18, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I have quite a few students which attend Vitaly Scherbo's School of Gymnastics and I am quite active in the team's activities. I wanted to write this letter as an endorsement for Mr. Scherbo's School.

My understanding of the added space is for the purpose of the Competitive Girls' Team only. This added space would allow us to spread out our practice times and actually alleviate the congestion not add to it. This would give a separate space for the already existing team to work out on more updated and specialized equipment. This would make college scholarships more readily available and allow college scouts to view the work outs.

As a business owner, I am not sure why the residential community expects Mr. Scherbo to regulate the parking on a public street. It seems like this is an issue that should be addressed by the city's traffic department. We don't expect other business owners to control parking on public streets so why are we asking this business to be responsible for the parking congestion on a public street which may or may not be contributed in part by his patrons. The parking lot is more than adequate to accommodate the patrons and the city planning department had already given their approval based on this fact.

I think Mr. Scherbo's school is a valuable asset to the community. The city is always spending tax dollars to create healthy activities for our youth. Here is a man accomplishing this at his own expense and the community wants to stifle it? I am very confused to say the least.

Don't get me wrong, I do understand why the residents do not want the city to grow and encroach on their lives, but the city is growing and this doesn't stop that fact. This is only harming a business which is a positive asset to the community. Don't let the only growth in Las Vegas be the Casinos and other big money people who can win these battles just because they have money.

Thank you for your time and concern in making the right decision.

Yours truly,

  
Mrs. R. Hahn

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Sept. 18,2006

## Support

I'm writing this letter to let you know how imperative it is to have an extension for Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics. This new and improved facility will bring the children better equipment for them to use. I have two children who are enrolled in competitive gymnastics and both of them have been doing it for at least ten years. They are training hard to achieve the top levels in order to earn scholarships to go to college. I can't stress enough on how important it is for my children to have an excellent facility and great equipment to work with. This will help them reach the skills that they are trying to achieve for their life long dream. Please think about the children, like mine, who are committed to this sport and help them reach their goals with a bigger and better facility. Thank you for your consideration.



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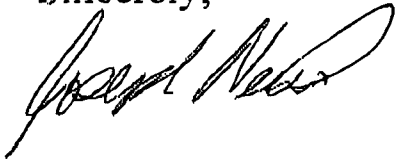
Dear Councilman Ross,

Support

My name is Joseph Newbie and I am writing this letter in the hopes that it will help in the quest for the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics to complete their expansion plans.

Approximately two years ago this July I had brought my son to a Saturday session for gymnastics. As my wife, son, and I began to pull out of the parking lot a speeding van using the alleyway that crosses from Jones Blvd. to Bronco Street struck my vehicle. Luckily, none of my family was injured, but I have come to see that this kind of behavior by the local residents of the neighborhood is common. I believe that by having this addition, you may be able to alleviate this problem, and maybe even save a child's life someday.

Sincerely,



Joseph Newbie

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Dear Councilman Ross,

Support

This letter pertains to the added addition of the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics. My two children have had a positive experience attending the school. My little girl is now on Team which means she will now be able (if she wants) to show what she has learned to other gymnasts in other places. This is a gym that trains gymnasts to excel.

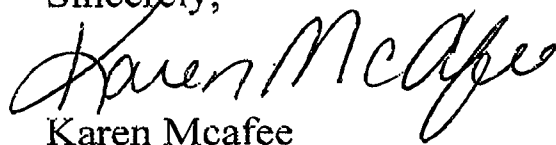
With an added addition, it will give the instructors and the students much more room to do so much more.

Within the three years I have had my children attend the school; there has been very little growth in the number of students. Students are constantly coming and going. With the addition planned, it is not going to mean more students. It does mean the students will have a finer facility to practice in.

I want to finish by saying that my children attend a school for gymnastics. If they enjoy it and want to keep doing it, maybe some day they can even get a scholarship to a college. With the right facility and with the right coaches, anything is possible.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

  
Karen McAfee

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Dear Councilman Ross,

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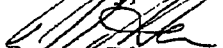
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I am asking you for your support in the granting of the zone variance for the Vitaly Scherbo School of Gymnastics.

On behalf of me, my family and the Vitaly Scherbo school of gymnastics competitive team I thank you for your support, time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Renato Ritter

Las Vegas Resident

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Sincerely,  
  
Patricia Ritter  
Las Vegas Resident

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## Support

September 19, 2006

Dear Councilman Ross,

My name is Denise Crotts and I am a parent of 3 children that attend the Vitally Scherbo School of Gymnastics. I am writing in hopes that you will support the expansion of our school. One of my sons is on the boy competitive team and they really need more space to be able to complete their workouts. Many days the children on the team must give up working out on certain apparatuses because of lack of space in the gym. I also have another son who will hopefully join the team in 2007 and as a parent we want the best gymnastics opportunity for our children.

I understand that there is a concern regarding parking and traffic. As a parent of 3 gymnasts we all want a safe transition for our children to and from the gym. There are plenty of empty parking spaces at all times in the North parking lot of the gym with a sidewalk to the main entrance of the gym, along with the regular parking for which I have never had a problem parking at the gym when needed. Therefore, I see no problem with the parking situation. As a team parent I usually do not even have to park for my son. He attends the gym for 3 hours every evening and we generally drop him off and car pool with other gymnasts and coaches for transportation. As for the traffic or parking on the street. You must understand that there is also a Preschool/Daycare facility at the corner of Bronco and Cheyenne. Many times I have witnessed the sidewalks full of cars with parents picking up young children from this facility. In my opinion, this is what the neighbors are witnessing and possibility blaming our school for.

I hope they will take this information into consideration when they approve our request to expand our gym. Our gymnastics family would be very appreciative to you for your support in this request. If you would like to speak to me directly you may contact me at 355-0628 and I would gladly discuss the expansion of our school.

Thank You,



Denise O. Crotts  
VSSG Parent  
355-0628 (cel)  
360-2535 (home)

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